

Serial No. **10/607,549**

Docket No. **K-0103C (2016-619)**

Amendment dated May 8, 2007

Reply to Office Action of November 9, 2006

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claim 8-18 are pending. By this Amendment, claims 7 and 21-31 are canceled without prejudice or disclaimer. No new matter is added. Claims 7 and 21-31 have been canceled to be pursued in a Continuation/Divisional Application. Support for the claims can be found throughout the specification, including the original claims, and the drawings. Reconsideration in view of the above amendments and following remarks is respectfully requested.

Entry of the amended claims is proper under 37 C.F.R. §1.116 since the amendments: (1) place the application in condition for allowance for the reasons discussed herein; (2) do not raise any new issues requiring further search and/or consideration since the amendments amplify issues previously discussed throughout prosecution without incorporating additional subject matter; (3) satisfy a requirement of form asserted in the previous Office Action; and/or (4) place the application in better form for appeal, if necessary. Entry is thus requested.

The Examiner is thanked for the indication that claims 8-18 are allowed.

The Final Office Action dated November 9, 2006 rejected claim 7 under 35 U.S.C. §112, first paragraph, as allegedly failing to comply with the written description requirement, and rejected claims 21-31 under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) over Lee, U.S. Patent No. 5,657,650. Claims 7 and 21-31 have been canceled. Accordingly, these rejections are moot and should be withdrawn.

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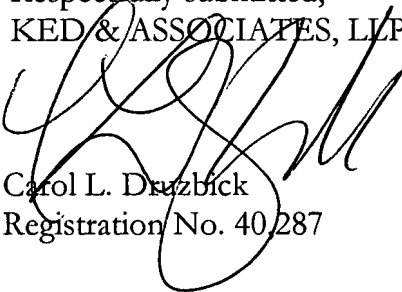
CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, it is respectfully submitted that the application is in condition for allowance. If the Examiner believes that any additional changes would place the application in better condition for allowance, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned attorney at the telephone number listed below.

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, it is respectfully submitted that this application is in condition for allowance. Favorable consideration and prompt allowance are earnestly solicited.

To the extent necessary, a petition for an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. 1.136 is hereby made. Please charge any shortage in fees due in connection with the filing of this, concurrent and future replies, including extension of time fees, to Deposit Account 16-0607 and please credit any excess fees to such deposit account.

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